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Engineer Canyon Wildland Fire Use Update

Ferron, Utah... As folks head to the mountains for the holiday weekend, they may encounter smoke from the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Resource managers are using a wildland fire started by lightning on June 29, 2005, in the Huntington Canyon area. The fire is located in Engineer Canyon, which is a tributary to Huntington Canyon. The fire is being allowed to play its natural role on the landscape. By utilizing the "Wildland Fire Use" management tool, the build-up of hazardous dead and downed fuels will be reduced and wildlife habitat for mule deer and elk will be improved.

The Engineer Canyon Wildland Fire Use area is located at the top of Engineer Canyon along the Trough Springs Ridge and is being monitored closely. The fire is currently burning in a remote area in beetle killed Spruce Fir. Fire managers review the progress of the fire and weather forecasts regularly to determine if suppression action is necessary to protect life and property. No suppression action has been taken to date.

Fire Use Manager, Brandon Hoffman, wants forest visitors to use caution. "Remind everyone to be especially careful and fire conscious while recreating this summer."

If you would like more information on Wildfire Use visit <u>www.utahfireinfo.gov</u>, or please contact Brandon Hoffman at 435-636-3594.

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